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Statement of
LEO R. ASUNCION
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
Monday, March 23, 2015
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 329

in consideration of
HCR 120
REQUESTING AN UPDATE OF THE STATE HOUSING FUNCTIONAL PLAN.

Chair Hashem, Vice Chair Jordan, and Members of the House Committee on Housing.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports the intent of HCR 120 which request the Office of Planning and the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to update the State Housing Functional Plan.

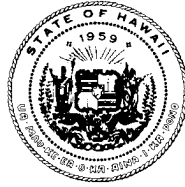
With the adoption of SB 1074, OP also anticipates conducting a comprehensive review of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 226, the State Planning Act, to include: (1) the analysis of a wide array of state policies and programs, county plans and programs, functional plans, capital improvements programs, and significant issues confronting the State with respect to the State Planning Act and its implementation; and (2) soliciting proposals for amendments to the State Planning Act from the general public pursuant to HRS § 226-54. OP is to submit a report of its findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, if any, to the Legislature prior to the 2017 legislative session.

SB 1074, specifies an appropriation amount of \$250,000 for both fiscal years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 in order to complete the comprehensive review. These funds would be required as OP lacks the staff and resources to undertake a project of this scope at this time. A rigorous

evaluation of the State Planning Act will require an investment of public and private resources. Development of the original plan included thorough topic area studies, statewide collaboration, and input by subject matter experts. The office estimates that the initially proposed appropriation amounts in SB 1074 would be sufficient to accomplish this work.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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Statement of
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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

March 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 329

In consideration of
H.C.R. 120
REQUESTING AN UPDATE OF THE STATE HOUSING FUNCTIONAL PLAN.

HHFDC **supports** H.C.R. 120, which asks the Governor, in coordination with the Office of Planning and the HHFDC, to update the State Housing Functional Plan. We agree that statewide housing conditions have changed sufficiently to require an updated State Housing Functional Plan, and are willing to work with the Office of Planning on this endeavor.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.